

FIG. 1

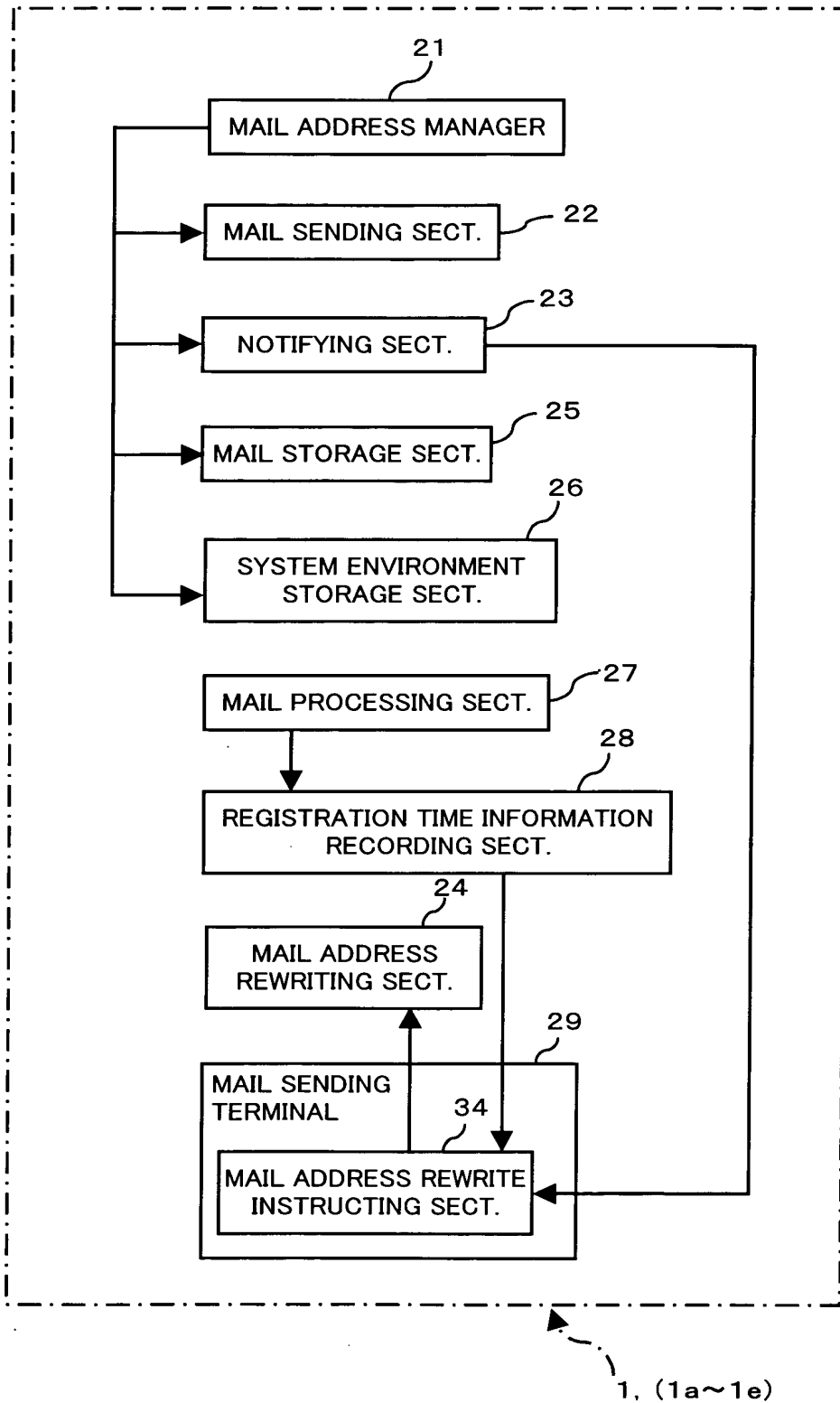


FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a network system 1(31) according to an embodiment of the present invention. The network system 1(31) includes a mail server 11a(11), a mail server 11b(11), a managing server 13(33), and a plurality of clients 10a-1(10), 10a-2(10), 10b-1(10), 10b-2(10), and 10b-3(10). The mail server 11a(11) and the mail server 11b(11) are connected to the managing server 13(33). The managing server 13(33) is connected to the clients 10a-1(10), 10a-2(10), 10b-1(10), 10b-2(10), and 10b-3(10). The clients 10a-1(10) and 10a-2(10) are connected to the mail server 11a(11). The clients 10b-1(10), 10b-2(10), and 10b-3(10) are connected to the mail server 11b(11). The network system 1(31) is shown as a whole in FIG. 2.

FIG. 2

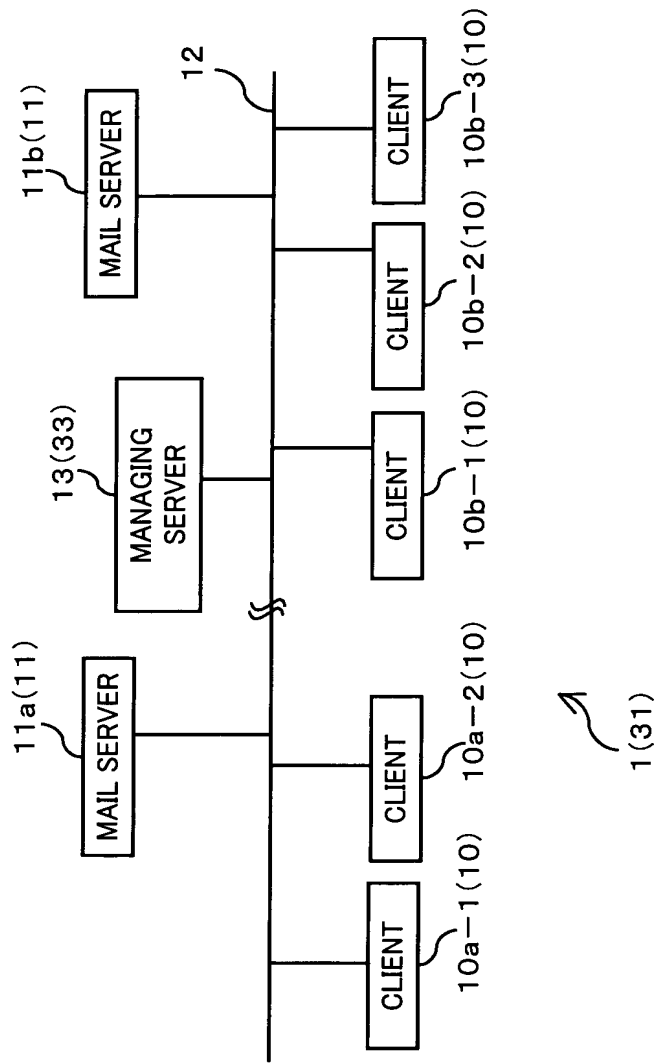


FIG. 3

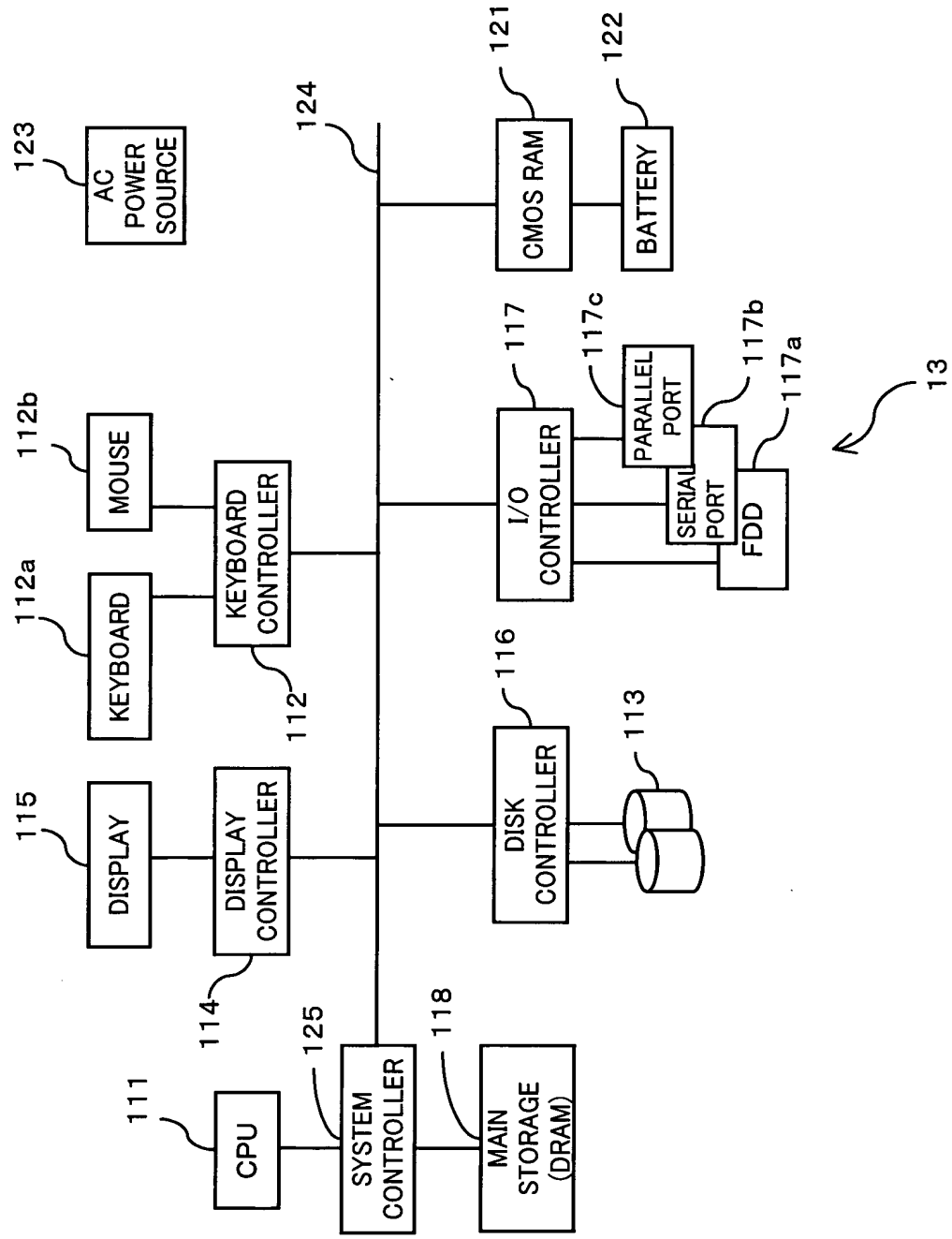


FIG. 4

OLD ADDRESS	NEW ADDRESS
xxx@division-A.some-company.co.jp	xxx@division-B.some-company.co.jp
aaa@division-A.some-company.co.jp	

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FIG. 4 is a diagram illustrating a table structure for address mapping. The table has two columns: 'OLD ADDRESS' and 'NEW ADDRESS'. The first row shows a mapping from 'xxx@division-A.some-company.co.jp' to 'xxx@division-B.some-company.co.jp'. The second row shows 'aaa@division-A.some-company.co.jp' in the 'OLD ADDRESS' column, with the 'NEW ADDRESS' column being empty. A label '30' with a curved arrow points to the second row of the table.

FIG. 5

Return-Path: <mail-master@some-company.co.jp>
Received: from mail-master
 (mail-master.some-company.co.jp [xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx])
 by mail.some-company.co.jp (Post.Office MTA vx.x.x
 release zzz-zzz-zzz ID# *****) with SMTP id AAAAAA
 for <mail-master@some-company.co.jp>;
 Wed, 24 Dec 1999 19:24:50 +0900
X-Sender: mail-master@some-company.co.jp
X-Mailer: Expanded Mailer V1.2
Date: Wed, 24 Dec 1999 19:23:58 +0900
To: john doe <jdoe@unknown-company.co.jp>
From: mail-master <mail-master@some-company.co.jp>
Subject: information of address change
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Message-ID: <some-unique-identifier@mail-master.some-company.co.jp>

An address of the mail you sent was changed.
but the mail was delivered fairly.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEND AGAIN.

expired address:
 xxxx@some-company.co.jp
changed to address:
 xxxx@another-company.co.jp

please change your address-list.

***** contents of mail ***

more information:
 mail to mail-master@some-company.co.jp
thank you.

FIG. 6

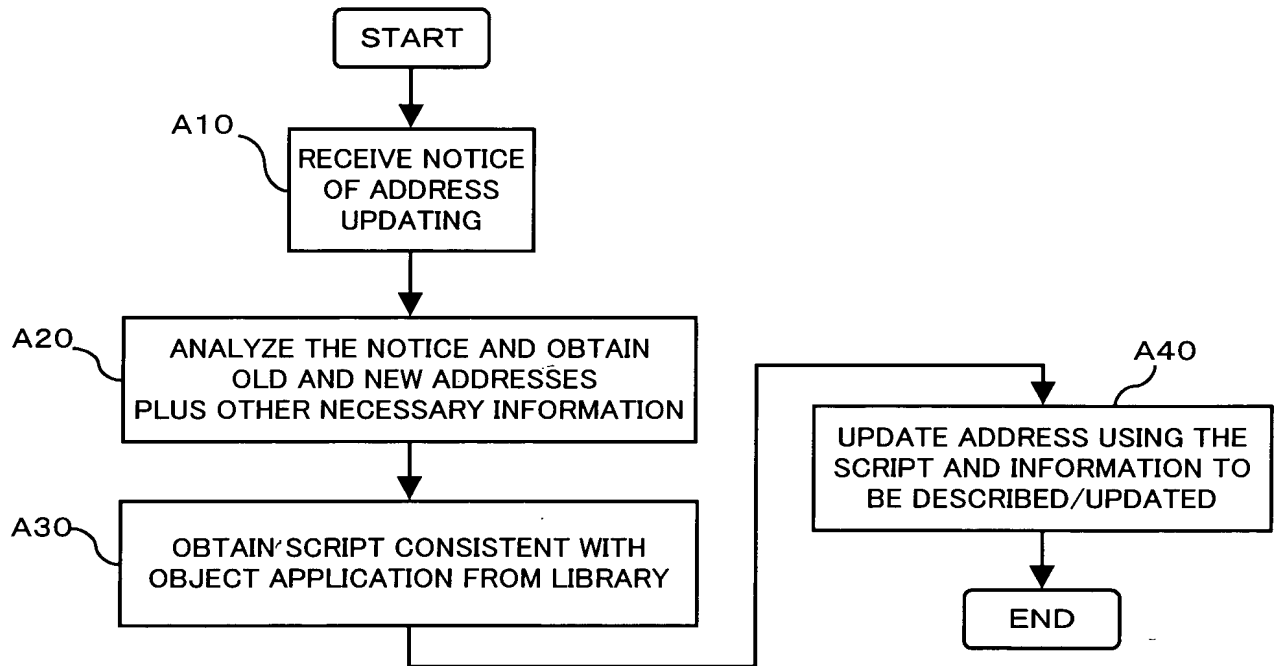


FIG. 7 is a flowchart illustrating a process for managing a mail address table. The process begins at a START block, leading to block B10: MAIL SERVER ADMINISTRATOR DELETES ADDRESS IN MAIL SERVER. From B10, the flow proceeds to block B20: MAIL SERVER NOTIFIES MANAGING SERVER OF DELETION OF ADDRESS. From B20, the flow proceeds to block B30: MANAGING SERVER ADDS NEW ROW TO MAIL ADDRESS MANAGEMENT TABLE. From B30, the flow proceeds to block B40: DESCRIBE OLD ADDRESS IN THE NEW ROW. From B40, the flow proceeds to decision block B50: WHETHER OR NOT CORRESPONDING NEW ADDRESS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED WITHIN A PREDETERMINED PERIOD. If the answer to B50 is YES, the flow proceeds to the END block. If the answer to B50 is NO, the flow proceeds to block B60: DELETE CORRESPONDING ROW IN LIST. From B60, the flow loops back to block B40.

FIG. 7

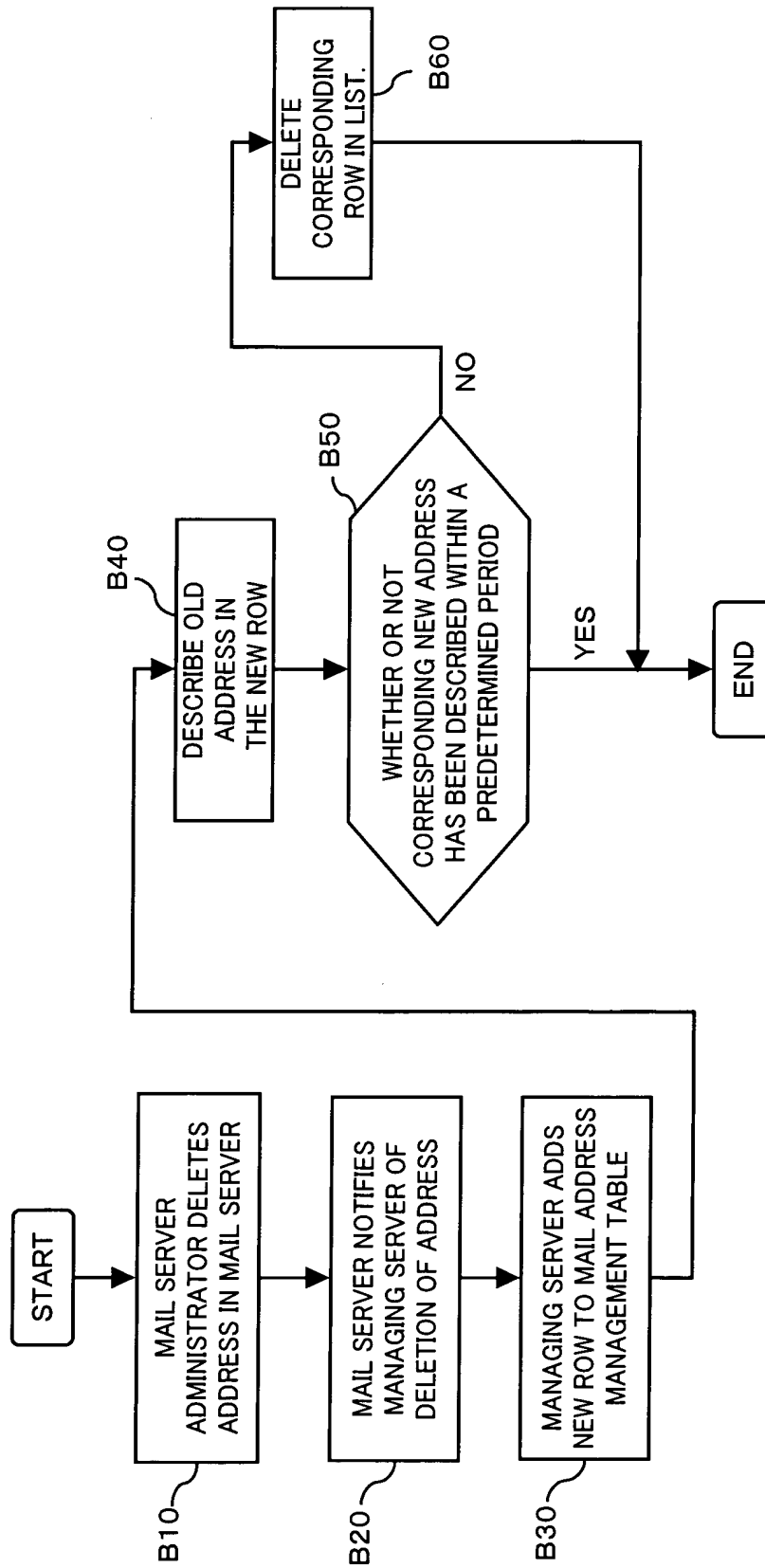


FIG. 8

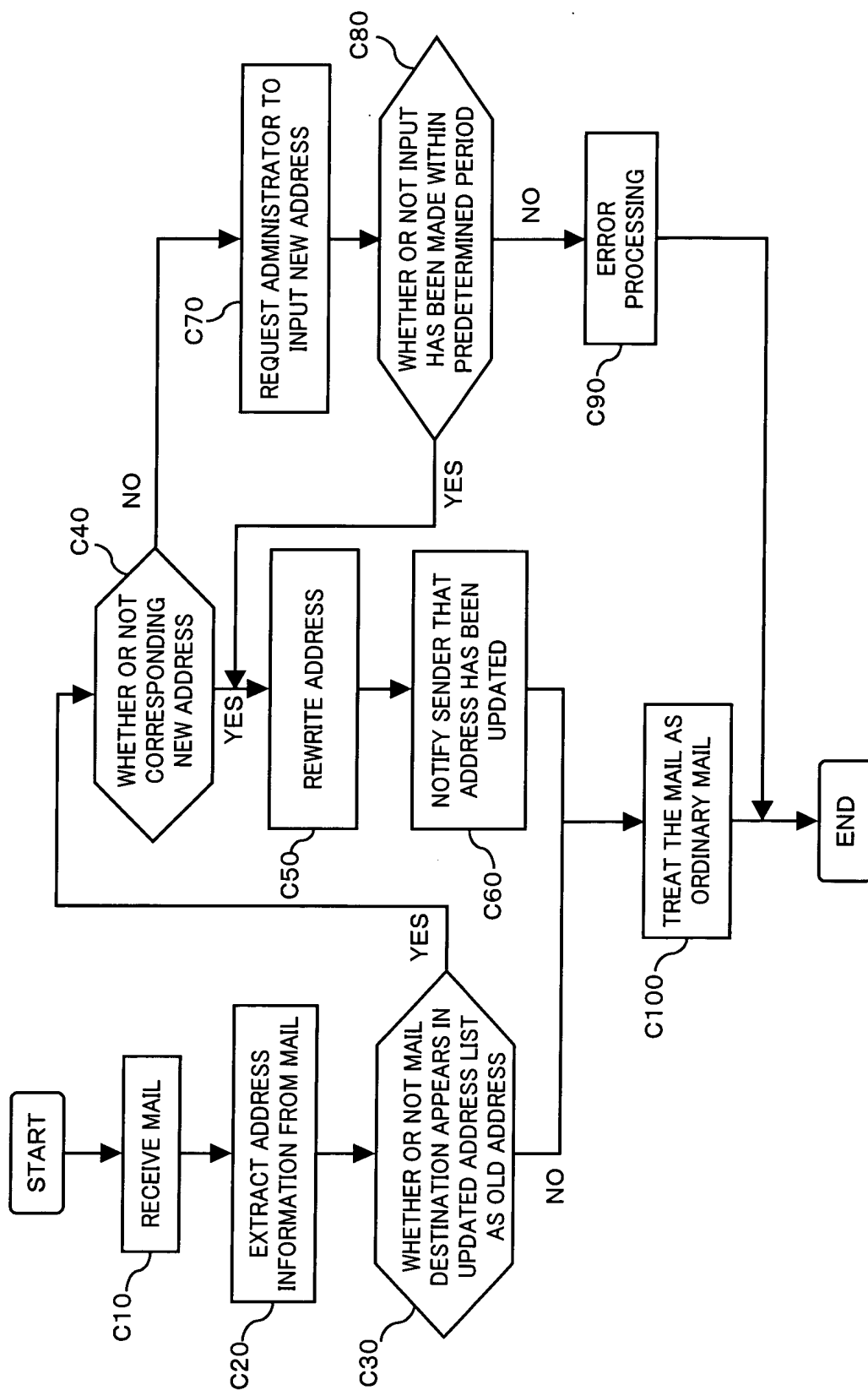


FIG. 9

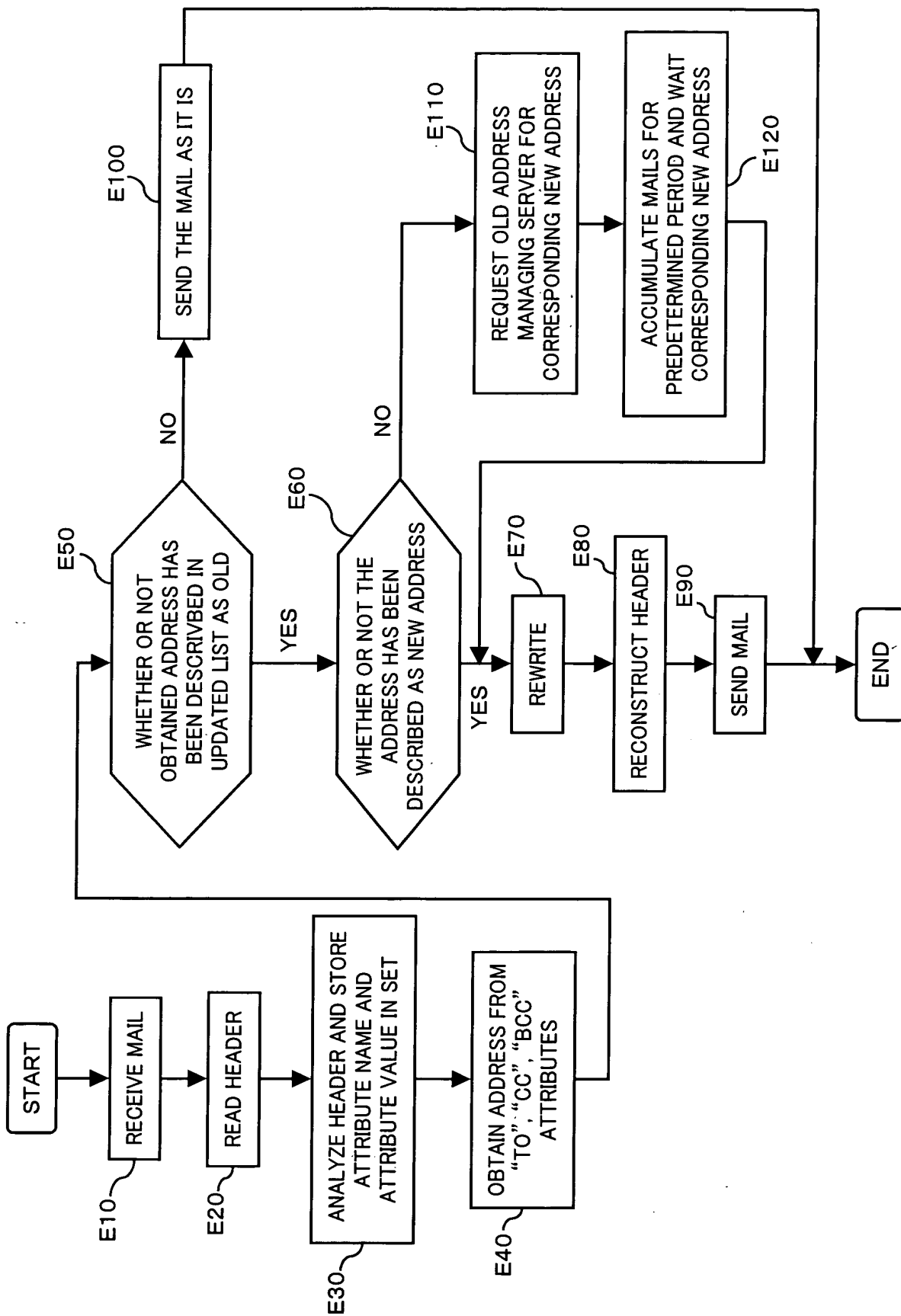


FIG. 10

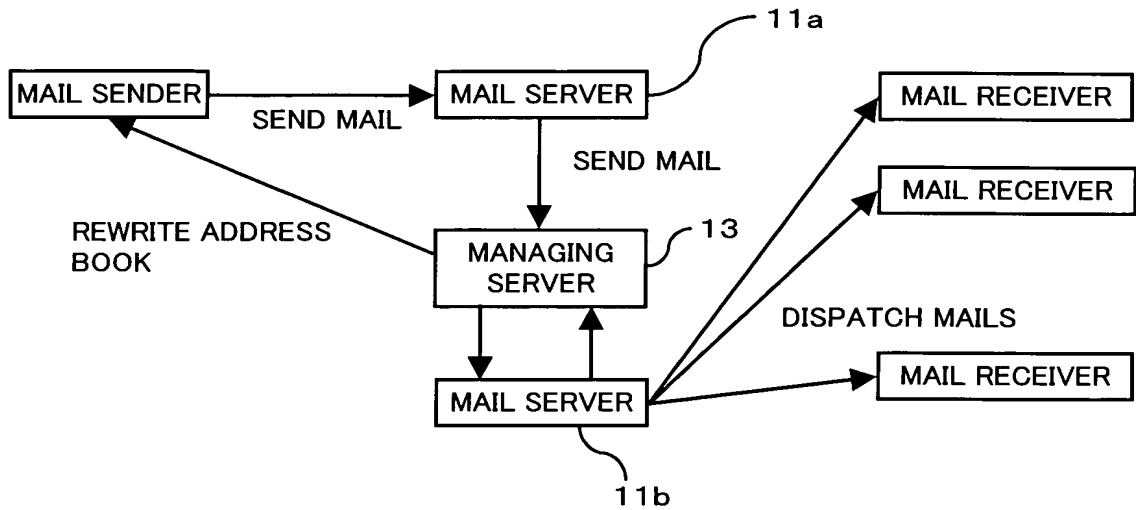


FIG. 11

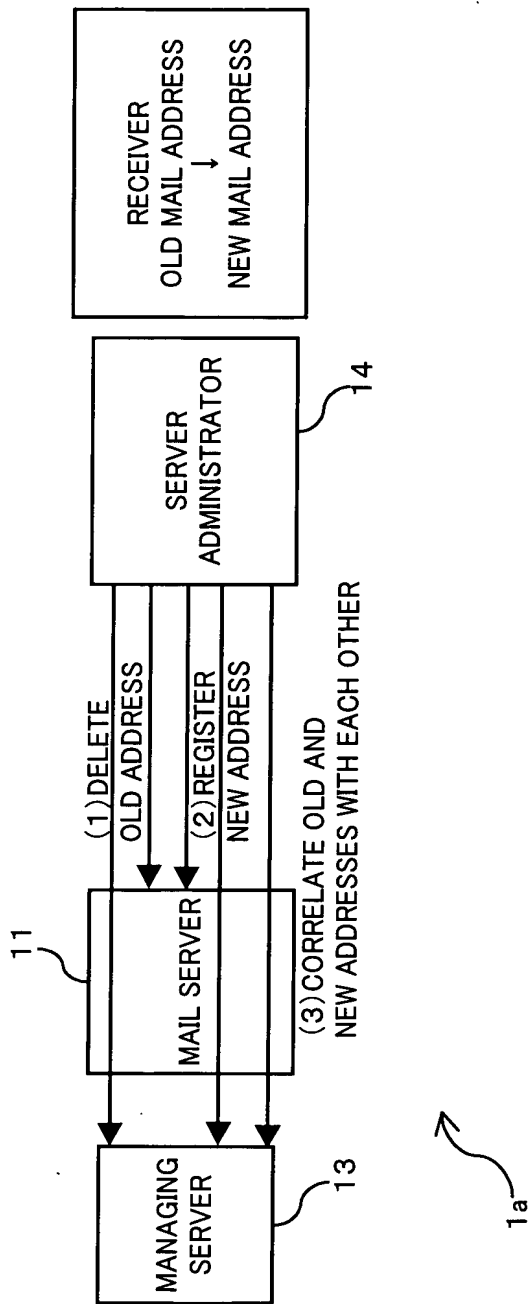


FIG. 12

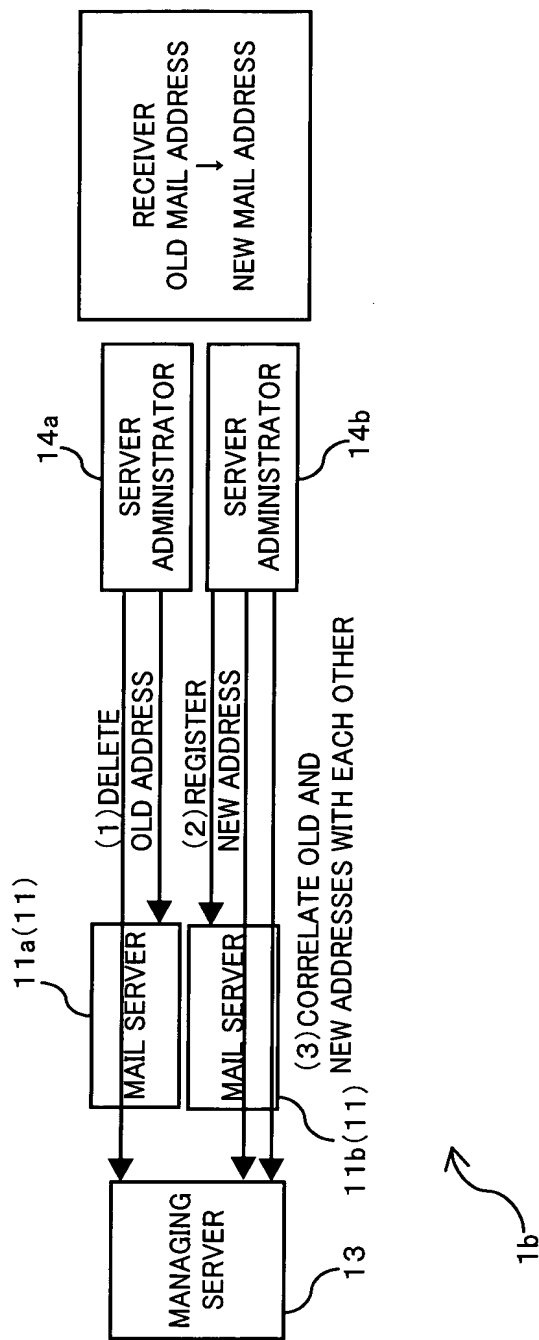


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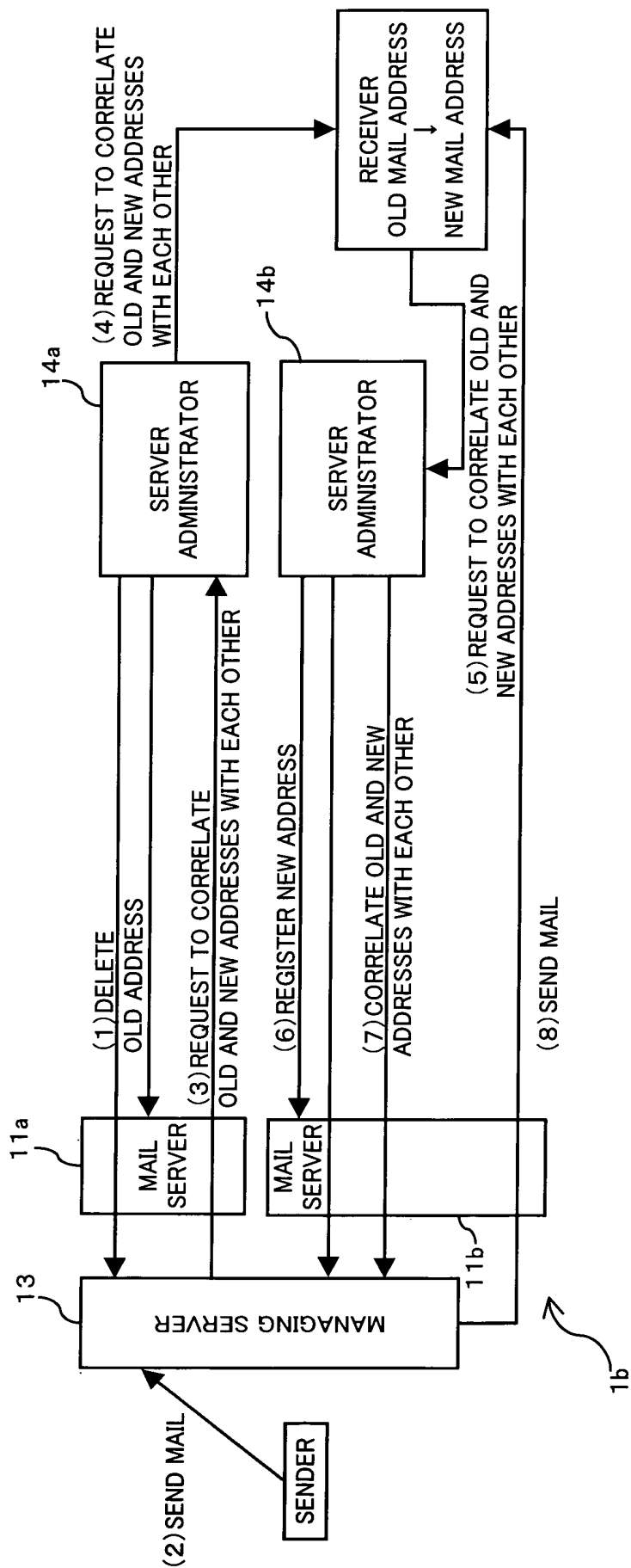


FIG. 14 is a block diagram of a system for managing mail addresses. The system includes a SENDER (15) that sends mail (2) SEND MAIL to a MAIL SERVER (11a'). The MAIL SERVER (11a') includes a MANAGING SERVER FUNCTIONING SECT. (15) and a MAIL SERVER (11b). The MANAGING SERVER FUNCTIONING SECT. (15) sends a (1) DELETE OLD ADDRESS request to the MAIL SERVER (11b). The MAIL SERVER (11b) sends a (3) REQUEST TO CORRELATE OLD AND NEW ADDRESSES WITH EACH OTHER request to a SERVER ADMINISTRATOR (14a). The SERVER ADMINISTRATOR (14a) sends a (4) REQUEST TO CORRELATE OLD AND NEW ADDRESSES WITH EACH OTHER request to a RECEIVER (14b). The RECEIVER (14b) sends a (5) REQUEST TO CORRELATE OLD AND NEW ADDRESSES WITH EACH OTHER request to the MAIL SERVER (11b). The MAIL SERVER (11b) sends a (6) REGISTER NEW ADDRESS request to the SERVER ADMINISTRATOR (14a). The SERVER ADMINISTRATOR (14a) sends a (7) CORRELATE OLD AND NEW ADDRESSES WITH EACH OTHER request to the MAIL SERVER (11b). The MAIL SERVER (11b) sends a (8) SEND MAIL request to the SENDER (15).

FIG. 14

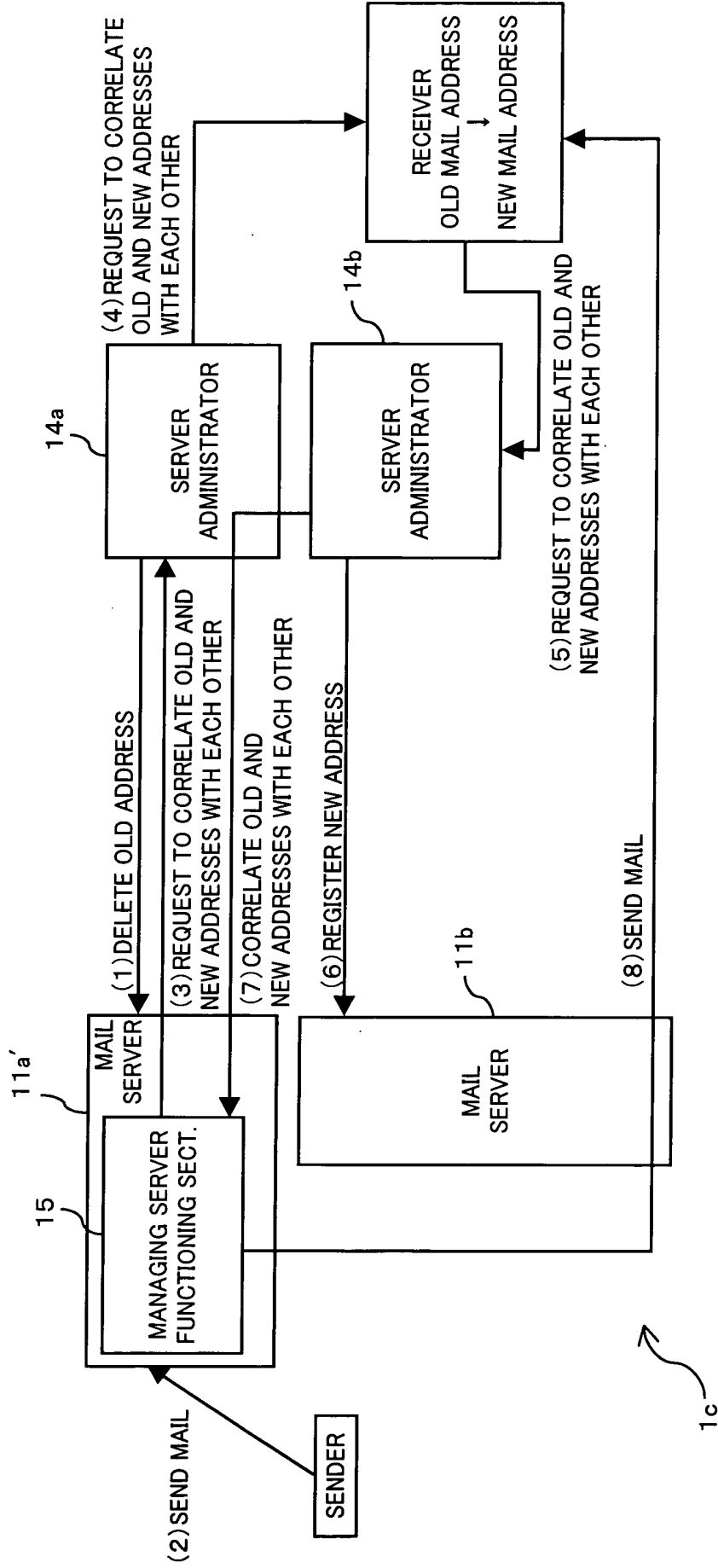


FIG. 15 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I) (J) (K) (L) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S) (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) (AA) (AB) (AC) (AD) (AE) (AF) (AG) (AH) (AI) (AJ) (AK) (AL) (AM) (AN) (AO) (AP) (AQ) (AR) (AS) (AT) (AU) (AV) (AW) (AX) (AY) (AZ) (BA) (BB) (BC) (BD) (BE) (BF) (BG) (BH) (BI) (BJ) (BK) (BL) (BM) (BN) (BO) (BP) (BQ) (BR) (BS) (BT) (BU) (BV) (BW) (BX) (BY) (BZ) (CA) (CB) (CC) (CD) (CE) (CF) (CG) (CH) (CI) (CJ) (CK) (CL) (CM) (CN) (CO) (CP) (CQ) (CR) (CS) (CT) (CU) (CV) (CW) (CX) (CY) (CZ) (DA) (DB) (DC) (DD) (DE) (DF) (DG) (DH) (DI) (DJ) (DK) (DL) (DM) (DN) (DO) (DP) (DQ) (DR) (DS) (DT) (DU) (DV) (DW) (DX) (DY) (DZ) (EA) (EB) (EC) (ED) (EE) (EF) (EG) (EH) (EI) (EJ) (EK) (EL) (EM) (EN) (EO) (EP) (EQ) (ER) (ES) (ET) (EU) (EV) (EW) (EX) (EY) (EZ) (FA) (FB) (FC) (FD) (FE) (FF) (FG) (FH) (FI) (FJ) (FK) (FL) (FM) (FN) (FO) (FP) (FQ) (FR) (FS) (FT) (FU) (FV) (FW) (FX) (FY) (FZ) (GA) (GB) (GC) (GD) (GE) (GF) (GG) (GH) (GI) (GJ) (GK) (GL) (GM) (GN) (GO) (GP) (GQ) (GR) (GS) (GT) (GU) (GV) (GW) (GX) (GY) (GZ) (HA) (HB) (HC) (HD) (HE) (HF) (HG) (HH) (HI) (HJ) (HK) (HL) (HM) (HN) (HO) (HP) (HQ) (HR) (HS) (HT) (HU) (HV) (HW) (HX) (HY) (HZ) (IA) (IB) (IC) (ID) (IE) (IF) (IG) (IH) (II) (IJ) (IK) (IL) (IM) (IN) (IO) (IP) (IQ) (IR) (IS) (IT) (IU) (IV) (IW) (IX) (IY) (IZ) (JA) (JB) (JC) (JD) (JE) (JF) (JG) (JH) (JI) (JJ) (JK) (JL) (JM) (JN) (JO) (JP) (JQ) (JR) (JS) (JT) (JU) (JV) (JW) (JX) (JY) (JZ) (KA) (KB) (KC) (KD) (KE) (KF) (KG) (KH) (KI) (KJ) (KK) (KL) (KM) (KN) (KO) (KP) (KQ) (KR) (KS) (KT) (KU) (KV) (KW) (KX) (KY) (KZ) (LA) (LB) (LC) (LD) (LE) (LF) (LG) (LH) (LI) (LJ) (LK) (LL) (LM) (LN) (LO) (LP) (LQ) (LR) (LS) (LT) (LU) (LV) (LW) (LX) (LY) (LZ) (MA) (MB) (MC) (MD) (ME) (MF) (MG) (MH) (MI) (MJ) (MK) (ML) (MM) (MN) (MO) (MP) (MQ) (MR) (MS) (MT) (MU) (MV) (MW) (MX) (MY) (MZ) (NA) (NB) (NC) (ND) (NE) (NF) (NG) (NH) (NI) (NJ) (NK) (NL) (NM) (NN) (NO) (NP) (NQ) (NR) (NS) (NT) (NU) (NV) (NW) (NX) (NY) (NZ) (OA) (OB) (OC) (OD) (OE) (OF) (OG) (OH) (OI) (OJ) (OK) (OL) (OM) (ON) (OO) (OP) (OQ) (OR) (OS) (OT) (OU) (OV) (OW) (OX) (OY) (OZ) (PA) (PB) (PC) (PD) (PE) (PF) (PG) (PH) (PI) (PJ) (PK) (PL) (PM) (PN) (PO) (PP) (PQ) (PR) (PS) (PT) (PU) (PV) (PW) (PX) (PY) (PZ) (QA) (QB) (QC) (QD) (QE) (QF) (QG) (QH) (QI) (QJ) (QK) (QL) (QM) (QN) (QO) (QP) (QQ) (QR) (QS) (QT) (QU) (QV) (QW) (QX) (QY) (QZ) (RA) (RB) (RC) (RD) (RE) (RF) (RG) (RH) (RI) (RJ) (RK) (RL) (RM) (RN) (RO) (RP) (RQ) (RR) (RS) (RT) (RU) (RV) (RW) (RX) (RY) (RZ) (SA) (SB) (SC) (SD) (SE) (SF) (SG) (SH) (SI) (SJ) (SK) (SL) (SM) (SN) (SO) (SP) (SQ) (SR) (SS) (ST) (SU) (SV) (SW) (SX) (SY) (SZ) (TA) (TB) (TC) (TD) (TE) (TF) (TG) (TH) (TI) (TJ) (TK) (TL) (TM) (TN) (TO) (TP) (TQ) (TR) (TS) (TT) (TU) (TV) (TW) (TX) (TY) (TZ) (UA) (UB) (UC) (UD) (UE) (UF) (UG) (UH) (UI) (UJ) (UK) (UL) (UM) (UN) (UO) (UP) (UQ) (UR) (US) (UT) (UU) (UV) (UW) (UX) (UY) (UZ) (VA) (VB) (VC) (VD) (VE) (VF) (VG) (VH) (VI) (VJ) (VK) (VL) (VM) (VN) (VO) (VP) (VQ) (VR) (VS) (VT) (VU) (VV) (VW) (VX) (VY) (VZ) (WA) (WB) (WC) (WD) (WE) (WF) (WG) (WH) (WI) (WJ) (WK) (WL) (WM) (WN) (WO) (WP) (WQ) (WR) (WS) (WT) (WU) (WV) (WW) (WX) (WY) (WZ) (XA) (XB) (XC) (XD) (XE) (XF) (XG) (XH) (XI) (XJ) (XK) (XL) (XM) (XN) (XO) (XP) (XQ) (XR) (XS) (XT) (XU) (XV) (XW) (XX) (XY) (XZ) (YA) (YB) (YC) (YD) (YE) (YF) (YG) (YH) (YI) (YJ) (YK) (YL) (YM) (YN) (YO) (YP) (YQ) (YR) (YS) (YT) (YU) (YV) (YW) (YX) (YZ) (ZA) (ZB) (ZC) (ZD) (ZE) (ZF) (ZG) (ZH) (ZI) (ZJ) (ZK) (ZL) (ZM) (ZN) (ZO) (ZP) (ZQ) (ZR) (ZS) (ZT) (ZU) (ZV) (ZW) (ZX) (ZY) (ZZ)

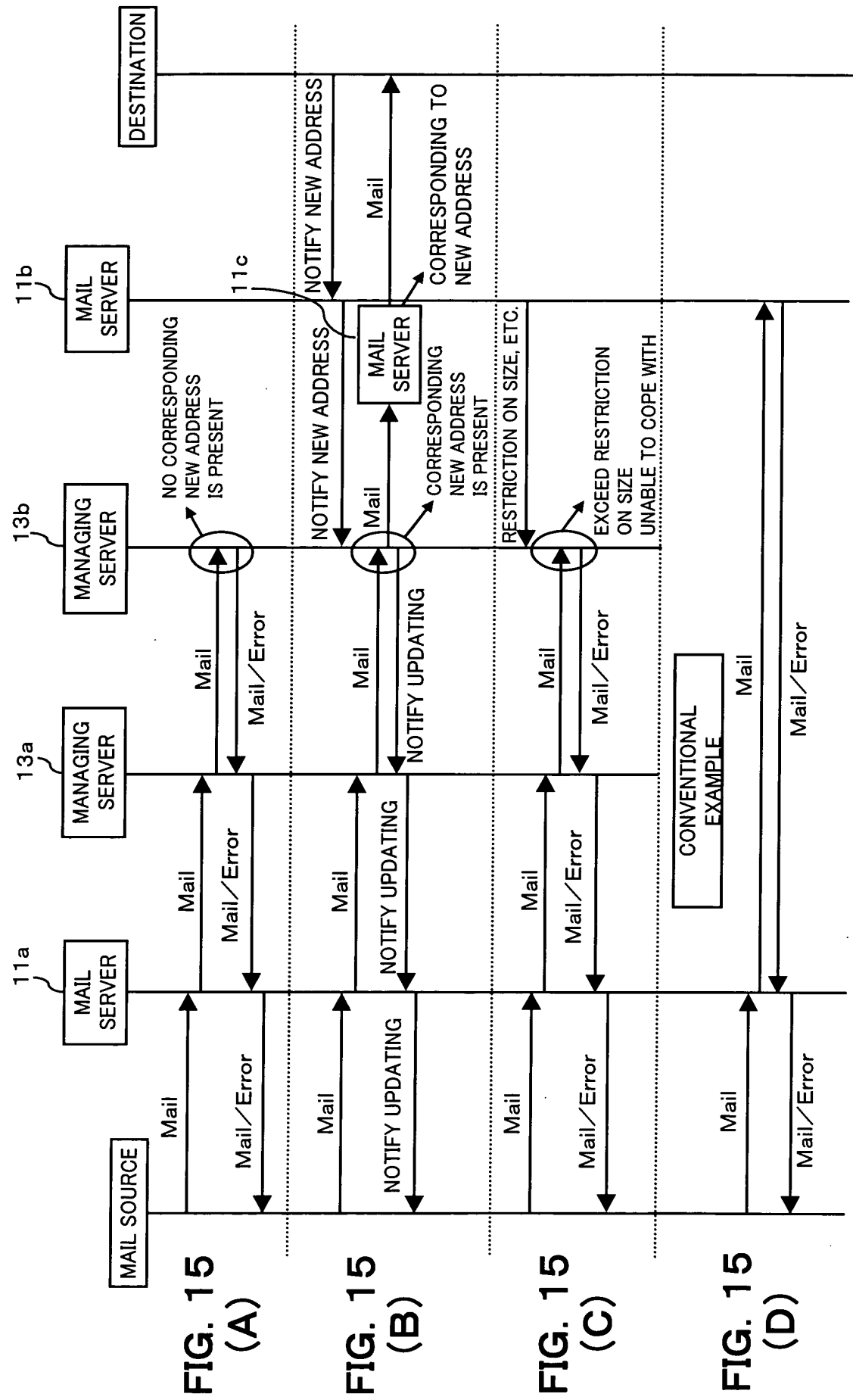


FIG. 16

	xxx@aa.bbb.co.jp	yyy@cc.bbb.co.jp	
RECEIVED SIZE RESTRICTION (KB/CASE)	1024	1024	
COMPRESSION TOOL	Lha	Zip	
DIVIDE/COMBINE	POSSIBLE	POSSIBLE	
CIPHER	POSSIBLE	IMPOSSIBLE	

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FIG. 17

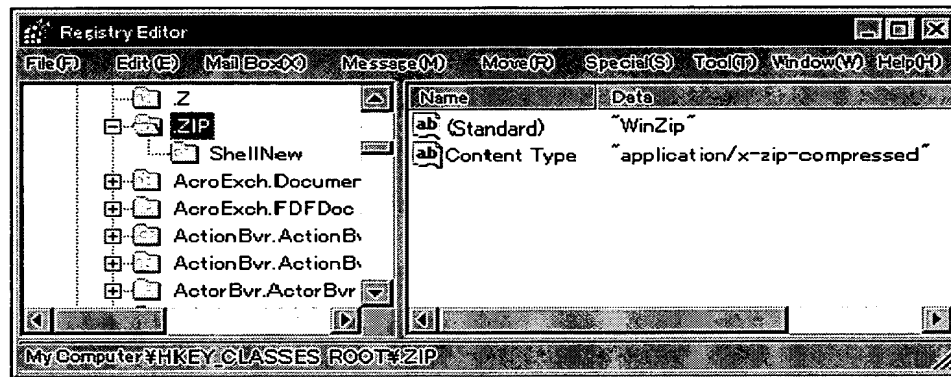


FIG. 18

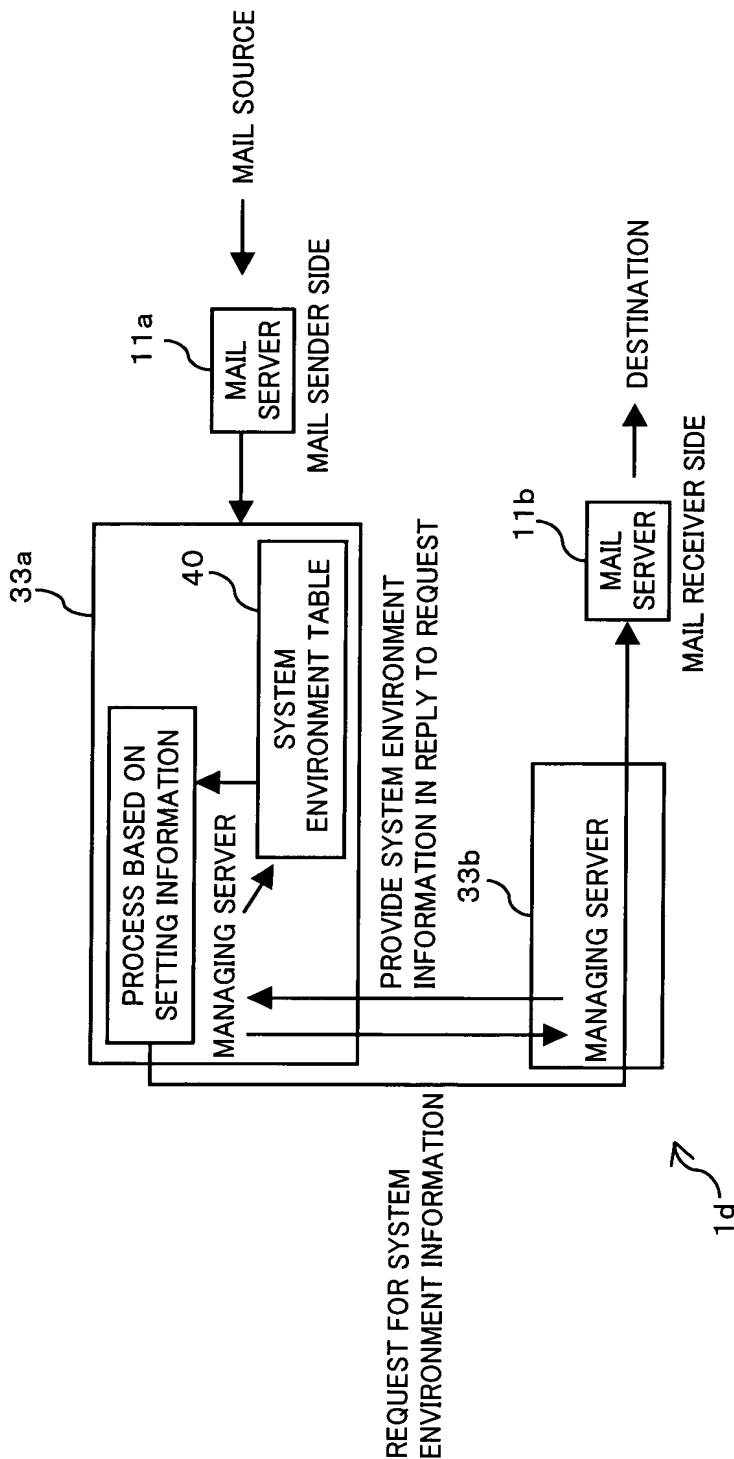


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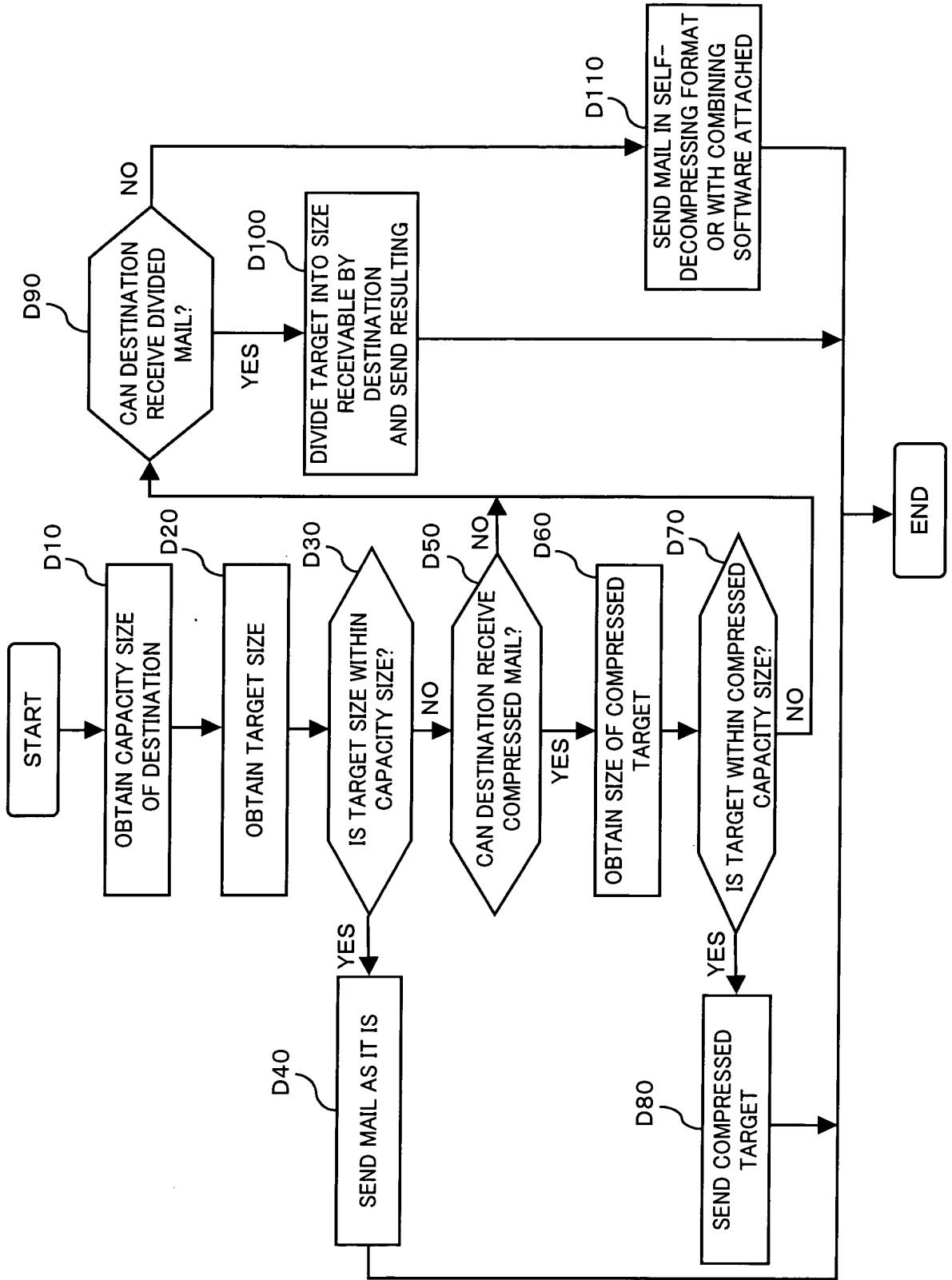


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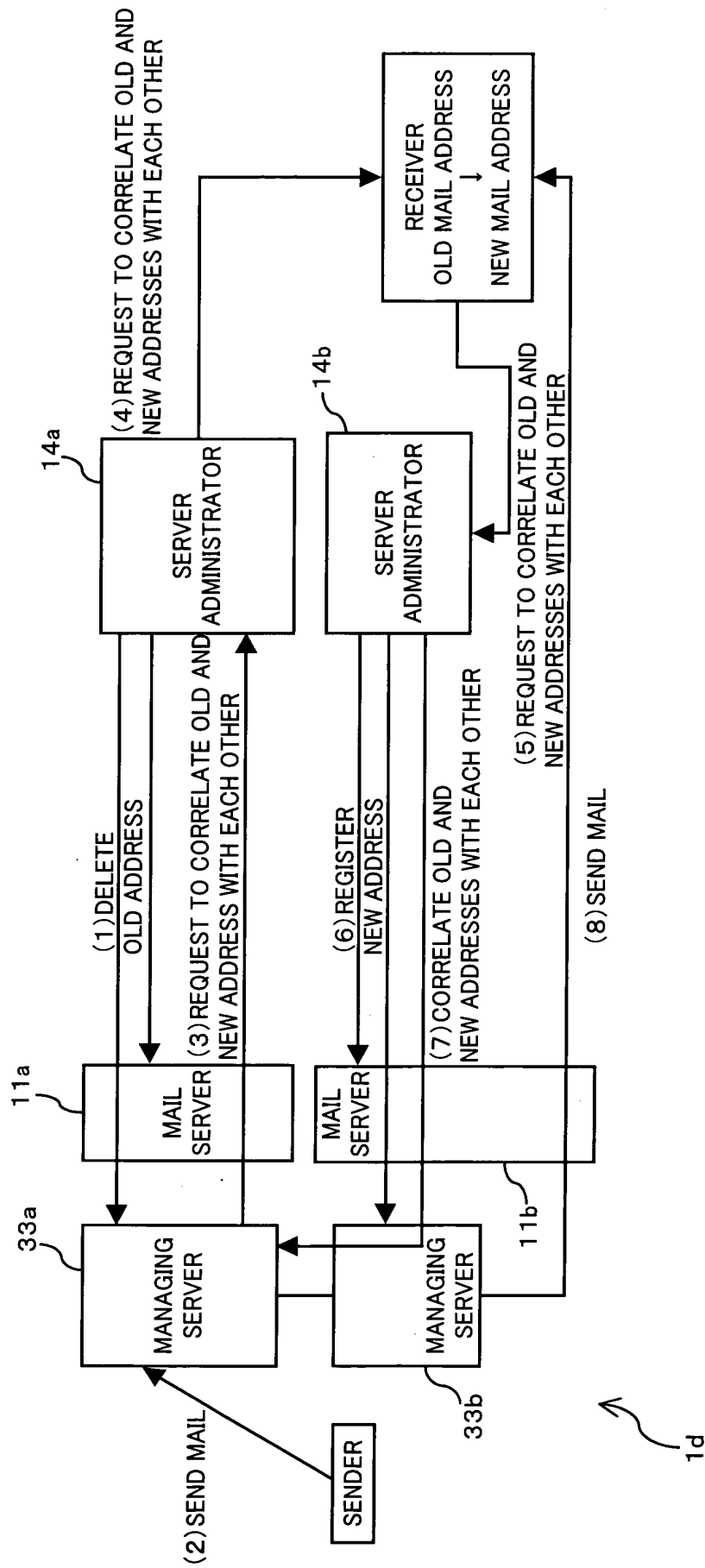


FIG. 21

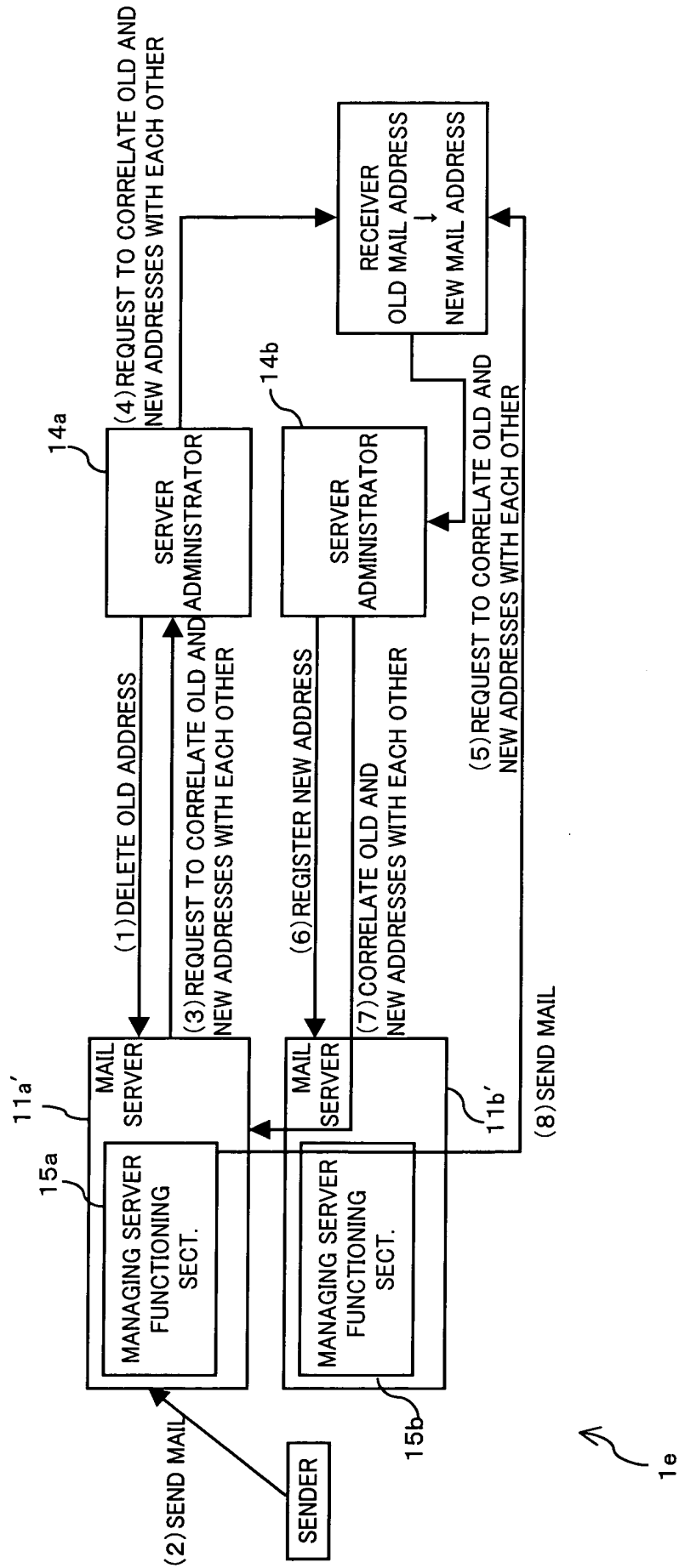
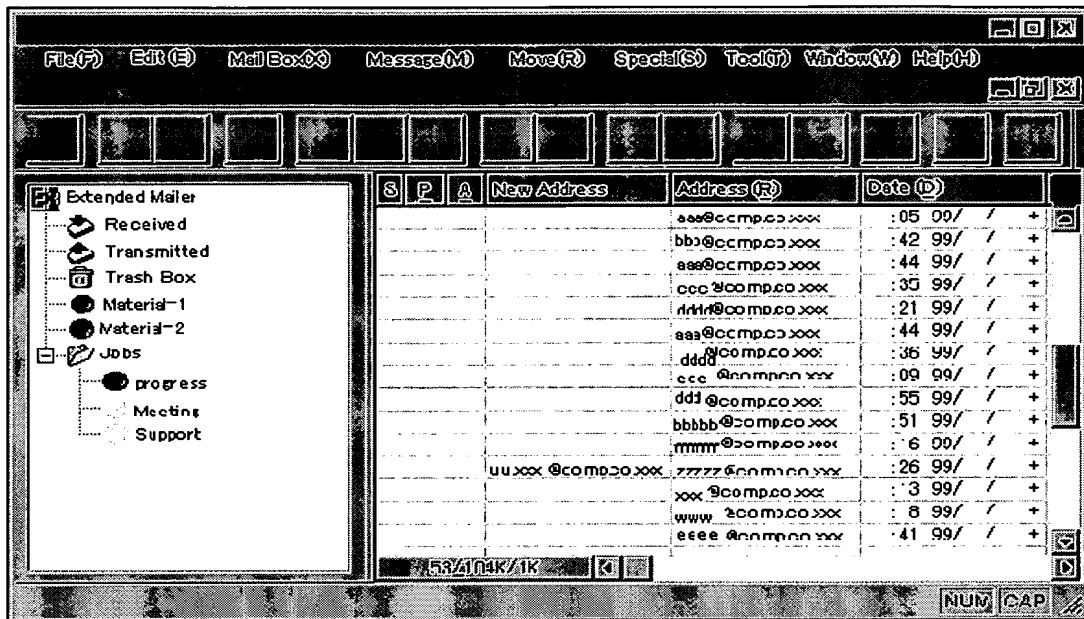


FIG. 22



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FIG. 24
(RELATED ART)

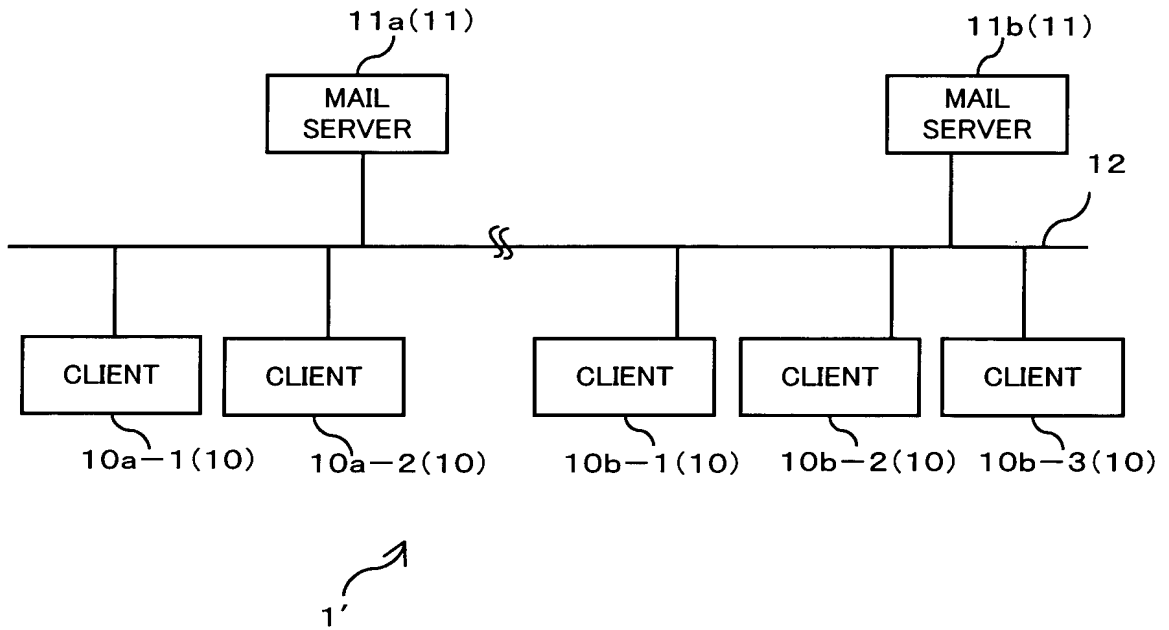


FIG. 25
(RELATED ART)

